

**Friis, John**

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**From:** albertokoa123@aol.com  
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**To:** Friis, John  
**Subject:** HB6666, Section 5

To whom it may concern,

ACES ECA has changed my life completely. I was growing up in the projects going nowhere. My art was the only thing that kept me from the streets. I joined ECA and learned and experienced so much. I was part of the ECA Dance Department where I studied dance for 2 years. Now I'm on my way to Broadway. I still always go back and visit ECA and my teachers. I'm so grateful that ECA has helped me tremendously and now I'm making my dreams come true. Please keep ECA open. ECA is a place where every one feels free and safe. Everyone can express themselves in many ways and not have to worry. Let ECA continue the wonderful job it has been doing for years.

Sincerely,  
Alberto Colon

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